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By: **Senator Hafer**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Allegany County - Streetlights - Fees for Acquisition and Operation**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Allegany County to  
4 provide that the county utilities division may, with the written approval of a  
5 majority of certain residents, assess a fee to acquire and operate certain  
6 streetlights; providing that certain unpaid fees are a lien against certain  
7 property; and generally relating to fees for the acquisition and operation of  
8 streetlights in Allegany County.

9 BY adding to  
10 Article 25 - County Commissioners  
11 Section 232  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article 25 - County Commissioners**

17 232.

18 (A) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALLEGANY COUNTY MAY PROVIDE  
19 THAT, WITH THE WRITTEN APPROVAL OF A MAJORITY OF THE RESIDENTS AFFECTED,  
20 THE COUNTY UTILITIES DIVISION MAY ASSESS A FEE TO ACQUIRE AND OPERATE  
21 EXISTING STREETLIGHTS THAT ARE SITUATED IN AN AREA SERVICED BY THE  
22 UTILITIES DIVISION.

23 (B) WHILE UNPAID, THE FEES ASSESSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION  
24 (A) OF THIS SECTION ARE A LIEN ON THE PROPERTY SERVED.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 October 1, 2003.